

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST.

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1. Yemen

a. A civil war is shaping up, with direct backing from the UAR for one faction and from Saudi Arabia for the other.

b. Prince Hasan is encamped near the Yemeni border in Saudi Arabia where he is working to get a countermove organized.

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c. The rebels, meanwhile, are hopeful that arms and equipment promised by Cairo will begin arriving today. They will also look to the Soviets, who have now recognized the new regime.

2. Congo

a. So far so good with Leopoldville's campaign in South Kasai; by judicious use of the customary bribes, the Central Government has managed to rearrest "King" Kalonji and some of his coterie and to obtain the services of some of the Kasai gendarmerie.



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[REDACTED] the bulk of the Kasai gendarmerie has declared "loyalty" to the commissioner it has appointed to run the province.

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c. We doubt that the numerically superior Kasai gendarmerie is all that loyal to a commissioner imposed by Leopoldville, and in the circumstances, the same customary techniques might throw the whole operation into reverse.

3. Berlin

a. Mayor Brandt believes the East Germans might be willing to relax restrictions on the movement of Germans between East and West Berlin.

b. East German trade officials have hinted at a readiness to do something along these lines if Bonn would extend the credit arrangements in existing interzonal trade agreements.

c. Bonn is willing to do this and has authorized its interzonal trade official in Berlin to explore the matter further.

4. USSR-China

a. [redacted]
[redacted] the Chinese have started using troops instead of police and border guards to patrol their border with the USSR.

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b. With relations at a low ebb, the Chinese evidently do not exempt the Soviets when they speak, as their Party plenum did last week, of the danger of agent infiltration and subversion by the imperialists.

c. We have already noted that Soviet consulates are being closed and [redacted] the Chinese are "urging" White Russian emigrés still in Manchuria to clear out.

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5. Laos

a. Souvanna yesterday asked us (and the Soviets) to provide air transport to supply troops in outlying areas in the period before they are integrated.

b. Ambassador Unger sees this timely request as just what is needed to justify continuation of Air America operations.

c. Souvanna, under pressure from the Pathet Lao, had earlier been making ominous noises about curtailing if not ending Air America operations to supply the Meo guerrillas.

d. He has told us he intends to bring all air supply operations (Soviet included) under his government's control. We assume the Pathet Lao would then try to veto any further aid by us to the Meo.

6. OAS-Cuba

a. Panama is no longer inclined to push the idea of a Caribbean anti-Cuba defense pact and will not bring the matter up at the meetings which open here today.

b. Panama's new reluctance stems from a disagreement in President Chiari's cabinet.

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NOTE

- A. Mississippi events Ambassador Stevenson was sought out by the UAR Ambassador at the UN yesterday and told that President Kennedy's strong response to the challenge in Mississippi was very gratifying to friends of the US abroad, particularly to Africans. This, he said, was the more true because Soviet Bloc representatives on all sides had been freely predicting a weak response.